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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBLE,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.
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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES. CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. AMERICAN PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS. CALIFORNIA LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, FAIRY PATTERNS.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

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FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' SUITS.

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CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

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COFFEE ROASTERS, TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

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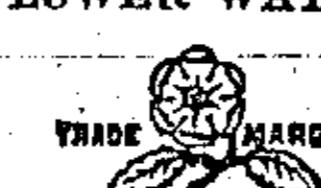
CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORYDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

FOR SALE.

EGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.



SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS, VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China, Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3½ o'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, Hongkong, February 19, 1879. fe24

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 S10d.) per Share of \$120, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, will be Held at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1879, at 8.30 p.m.

By Order,

E. GEORGE, Secretary, Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe26

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the COAST PORTS that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY and DRESS-MAKING BUSINESS in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & CO., next door to the HONGKONG HOTEL, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. Rose, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the SUMMER MONTHS, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879. my29

For Sale.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETTS'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. HORSE STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS'S ALE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Hds., SACCOME'S SHERRIES.

WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BREMINER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

NOTICE.

FROM the 1ST of OCTOBER, Dr EASTLAKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

H. U. T. G. H. I. N. G. S. beg to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

B. E. F. M. U. T. T. O. N., &c.,

from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will Repeat their PERFORMANCE of SULLIVAN'S NAUTICAL OPERA, in Two Acts, Entitled:

Auctions.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, situate on the Praya at Wan-chai, now in complete working Order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground situate at Wan-chai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two hundred feet, on the East side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64 A, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 36,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weinrich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weinrich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM McGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.

There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.

The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BARRETT, Solicitor, No. 28 Queen's Road; MESSRS SHARP, TOLLEY & JOHNSTON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and MESSRS STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th day of Feb., 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

A Private Collection of CHOICE and VALUABLE CURIOS, comprising:—Bronzes, Vases, Lacquered Ware, Enamelled Bronzes, China Ware, Soap-stone Ornaments, Jade-stone Carvings. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

AUCTION OF RARE AND VALUABLE BOOKS, FROM BERNARD QUARITCH, LONDON.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of RARE and VALUABLE BOOKS.

Catalogues can be had by applying to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe21

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of THE CLUB LISITANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises,—

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 126, measuring about 6,400 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LISITANO THEATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT BRAKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe11

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 28, 1878.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT
AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS,
CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS,
GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE,
PIANO,
&c.,
&c.,
&c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. Loring, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbutnott Road;

The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSE-HOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.

Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.

Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables, Crystal Gasoliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paintings, and Chromos.

American Bronzes, Statuettes, and Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Dining-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table.

American-made Oak Sideboard, Handsomely Carved.

American-made Walnut Dining-room Chairs.

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, and Glassware.

Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Walnut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.

Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book Shelves, Clocks, &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD and Sons.

&c.,
&c.,
&c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN BARK "EXCELSIOR,"
Captain KLOCK,
FROM HAMBURG.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

SIEMSSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe24

FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Hesperia*, Capt. JOHANNSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boat, delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 16th Instant.

Cargo remaining undispatched after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Ex "Avia,"
R. U. S. No. 111, Order, 1 case Drapery, from London.

A M E (in diamond) A M C (underneath)
No. 89, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery, from London.

H J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1879.

NOW READ Y.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
A CANTONESE DIALOGUE, Parts I.
and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal
8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ELTE,

Prec. Five Dollars, or Two Dollars
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"V A R I E T Y S T O R E,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS,
No. 42, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Horn-
sheim—Siemssen & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R.
Haje—Melchers & Co.

S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain
L. Taylor—Meyer & Co.

ARABELLA, British barque, Captain Thos.
Pearson—Master.

R. M. HAYWARD, American schooner,
Captain Doane—Remedies & Co.

WANDELLING MINSTREL, British barque,
Capt. Sieveright—Captain.

LAROS, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.
—Edward Schellhas & Co.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after
10 a.m.

The Mail will be closed at 11.30. Supple-
mentary mail on board with 18 cents
late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western
Australia can be sent by this route if
desired, but as a general rule it is
better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1879. fc22

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. M. YOUNG, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, February 20, 1879. fc23

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIIGO.
The Steamship
"TEVIOT,"
Capt. M. YOUNG, will have
immediate despatch for the above Ports
on the 24th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. fc23

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER-
MANUFACTURERS,
AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

40, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 20, Penrhyn, British barque, 549,
Remington, Toulon Feb. 5, General
MELCHERS & CO.

Feb. 20, Argyll, British steamer, 1271,
Scott, Bangkok Feb. 12, midnight, Rice
JARIN, MATHERSON & CO.

Feb. 20, Prince Arthur, British barque,
from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 20, Bury St. Edmunds, for Elephant
Point.

20, Palas, for Saigon.

20, Paul Marie, for Whampoa.

20, Namoa, for Coast Ports.

20, Northern Star, for Newchwang.

CLEARED.

Agate, for New York
Commissary, for Manila.

Elizabeth Nicholson, for Manila.

Rajahannamah, for Bangkok.

Wm. Phillips, for Toulon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Argyll, from Bangkok, 8 Chineses.

DEPARTED.

Per Namoa, for Swatow, Mr. Herton; for
Foochow, Miss Gordon Cumming, and Mrs.
Bendon.

TO DEPART.

Per Rajahannamah, for Bangkok, 208
Chineses.

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ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Last night a little after midnight a fire broke out in No. 107 House, Spring Gardens, occupied by Mr Mulgraves, a turnkey at the Victoria Gaol. He believes it was the work of an incendiary. It appears it originated in his bed-room; he was away on duty, and no one in his house at the time. The fire succeeded in completely burning Mr Mulgraves' house and the upper part of the next house occupied by Mr Da Silva of the Patent Slip Co., and would have made short work of this house also had not assistance been quickly on the spot. Mr da Silva's furniture was completely destroyed between the fire and the floods of water poured upon the house from the fire engines. Opposite the fire was the Convent of the French Sisters of Charity, who shelter from 300 to 400 Chinese Orphan children. These were all in a panic, dressed in the yard of their convent ready to escape, should the fire cross the road to the Convent Buildings. Fortunately there was no wind, and the fire was confined to the Buildings in which it originated. Four thieves were caught in one of the bed-rooms of Mr Da Silva's house stealing his effects, and were taken to the Police Station.

The following Fire Engines were quickly on the spot:—The Ordnance Store Engine, with Officers, Foremen and Coolies to work it; the 74th Regiment Engine, with a Military party to work it; the Hongkong Fire Brigade Engine, worked by the men and Officers of the Fire Brigade; the Government Engine (later on), and the Chinese Engine (two). The above worked admirably, and soon brought the fire under.

The following were promptly on the spot—General Donovan, Commodore Watson, Commissary General of Ordnance Moore, Superintendent Creagh of the Fire Brigade, Deputy Superintendents McEuen and Carvalho, Engineer Hailio of the Brigade, Capt. Diane, (Supt. of Police), Commandant Coxon (Volunteer Corps), Messrs Coughtrie, Clancy and many others.

A small court or narrow passage separated the burning house from the late Seamen's Club house, and the sparks rising at one time at a furious rate were being deposited upon the roof of the Club House. Commissary General Moore proposed to Superintendent Creagh to provide wadmittills and tanned hides, to wet them thoroughly by immersion in the sea, and then spread them over the roof of the Seamen's Club House, keeping a flood of water playing upon them from one of the Fire Engines. By this means the sparks of fire or cinders would be extinguished as they descended upon the roof. This suggestion was agreed to; and Assistant Commissioners Horan and Clarke, with a number of coolies, were despatched for these articles. In a short time a cart-load of wadmittills and hides fully saturated with water was on the spot ready for use, but the fire engines by this time had so reduced the flames that it was not necessary to use them. We beg however to call the attention of the Fire Brigade to this expedient. No doubt at the great fire of Christmas many a house was burnt by the action of the burning sparks falling upon the roofs and verandahs and thus setting fire to the building.

If we have suffered by the great fire of Christmas 1878, we have at all events gained something. The energy, activity and aptitude displayed by all last night—with but a few exceptions—affords a guarantee that future fires will be promptly and efficiently dealt with.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company was held this morning at the offices of the General Agents, Queen's Road. There were present: Hon. W. Keswick (in the chair) and Messrs. Forbes, Bellios, Reiners, F. D. Sassoon, Glover, Coxon, Jackson, Davis, and Bevis. The notice convening the meeting having been read.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen; with your permission it will be convenient if we take the Report and Accounts as read. They have been in your hands for some days, and, in addition to the particulars given in them, there is not much for me to tell you with regard to the working of the Refinery. The advance that took place in Raw Sugar shortly after the formation of the Company, and the high prices that ruled to the end of the season resulted earnings very considerably, but the results shown indicate very satisfactorily what may be attained to under more favourable circumstances. The produce of the Refinery has obtained a footing in nearly every eastern market; and an important feature is the favour it has met with amongst shippers to Bombay and to other distant markets. Of course our principal non-local outlets are Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Yokohama; and for Iwo Sugars and Cube made under our patents there has sprung up, in addition to Chinese requirements, a demand in Manila. We require only the cheap raw material. The good crops now being prepared for market promise us increased earnings, and with the extension of the Refinery now being made we hope to occupy fully the important field of industry we have entered upon, and which the special advantages possessed by the Company's property enable us to do at a comparatively small cost. The Consulting Committee and Agents have weighed carefully the question of providing for the expenditure necessitated by the extension; and it has been thought well to obtain by loan the sum required beyond our available funds, and thus to avoid adding permanently to the capital of the Company. I now propose the adoption of the Report, and that the accounts do pass; but before asking any gentleman to second the motion I should state that I shall be happy to answer any questions that may be addressed to me.

Mr Jackson seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: The next business is the appointment of the Consulting Committee for 1879.

Mr Jackson moved that Messrs. W. H. Forbes, F. D. Sassoon, E. R. Bellios, and W. Reiners be re-appointed as the Consulting Committee for the year.

The CHAIRMAN: I may mention that the Consulting Committee had Mr Lai Yuk Sun among its members last year, but it has been very rarely that he has attended our meetings; his knowledge of English is almost nil, and although we should like to have the Chinese community represented on the Committee, still I do not think it is absolutely necessary, and his name is not mentioned in the motion just proposed.

Mr Coxon: I beg to second the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr Glover proposed that Messrs. Thomas Arnold and H. M. Bevis be re-appointed as Auditors of the Company.

Mr Forrester seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

The proceedings then terminated.

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

INQUEST.

A Coroner's Inquest was held this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital, before Mr C. V. Creagh, Coroner, and Messrs. F. R. Stell, J. A. d'Almeida, and A. F. Remedios as jurors, on the body of James Morgan Farmer, a gentleman formerly resident in Chefoo. It appears that while in a nervous state of mind, deceased cut his throat with a razor, and then jumped over the verandah into the street from the house of Moyer & Co., Praya East. The facts may be gathered from the following epitome of the evidence given.

Mr H. Meyerink, sworn, deposed:—I am a partner in the firm of Meyer & Co. I first saw deceased a year ago in Shanghai. He arrived here from Amoy on Wednesday week last, and has stayed at my house since that time. Deceased drank heavily and was intoxicated on his arrival and all the time until Sunday; he was very nervous on that day. He resumed drinking on the Monday, and had two or three bottles of champagne on that day. On Tuesday he was again very nervous, and had *dolorous tremors* over night. He called me up about 3 a.m., and said he saw all sorts of things dancing about. He said it was a serious case, and I told him to lie down; I then gave him a couch in my room, where I got him something to eat. He was quiet, but afterwards I took him to Dr Gerlach, who gave him a sleeping draught. On Wednesday morning he seemed sober but very much infirmed. The last time I saw deceased he said he was about to read his letters he had got from home. I next heard of what had occurred about 5 p.m., and went to the house. Deceased was then quite dead, and was being taken to the Hospital.

Dr. Wharry, sworn, deposed:—The body of deceased was brought to the Hospital about 7 o'clock yesterday evening, when I saw it. It was recently dead, and was that of a European male about 40 years of age. There were a number of incised wounds in the throat, and one very severe one on the right side. A bruise was apparent on the right upper-arm, and the right collar bone was broken. The back was somewhat discolored by bruises. Death appeared to have resulted from the wounds in the throat. The symptoms described by the last witness would lead me to say that deceased had suffered from *delirious tremors*. The wounds in the throat might have been caused by the razor produced.

Low Aphr, declared, states:—I am head servant in Meyer & Co.'s house. Deceased came to the house on the 12th. Between 5 and 6 last evening I saw the deceased lying in the side channel dead, with his throat cut. I know the razors produced; they belong to my master. I saw deceased at tiffin on Wednesday; he then went upstairs, and I did not see him again alive. Deceased was very little after he arrived.

Mr Albert Goetz, clerk in Meyer & Co.'s, deposed:—I have known the deceased since 1877. He told me his name was James Morgan Farmer; I met him first in Shanghai. He was then employed in the firm of Cornabò and Co., of Chefoo.

Inspector William Horton, sworn, deposed:—About 5.30 o'clock last evening I heard a police whistle, and going out saw the body of deceased lying, when I at once sent a lokoong to No. 2 Station. Deceased was covered with blood, and a pool of blood had gathered round his head. I took out his watch, which showed it was 5 minutes to 6 o'clock. I about 2 minutes time deceased breathed his last, and on laying down his head, I observed that his throat was cut. I sent the body to the Hospital, and then went upstairs. In one room on the 2nd floor I saw a pool of blood on the floor and on the sofa, with a little on the path leading to the parapet of the verandah. I saw the razor produced on the floor, close to the corner; and the razor-case open on the toilet-case.

Mr Meyerink, in reply to the Coroner, stated that deceased never threatened to take away his life, though he was anxious that his employers should not bear of his condition. He was very well off in a pecuniary way.

The Coroner having made an arrangement with Mr Meyerink as to the disposal of certain property belonging to deceased—pocket-book, watch, &c.—he asked the Jury for their verdict. This was unanimously given as—“Suicide, while in an unsound state of mind.”

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before the Chief Justice Sir John SMEAL, 20th February, 1879.)

BEGUN v. TANG AHOL.

The prisoner was indicted for kidnapping a female child aged six years, and also with bringing the child into the Colony for the purpose of selling her.

The following gentlemen comprised the Jury:—Messrs. J. F. C. da Rosa, D. C. Travers, U. L. Gorham, H. S. Ward, A. G. P. Kubro, F. G. or von Stockhausen, L. M. Baptista.

The Acting Attorney General (J. Russell, Esq.) prosecuted.

It would appear from the evidence that the defendant and another man had been observed on board the Canton steamer to P. C. Campbell whose attention was directed toward them owing to the suspicious manner in which they moved about. Enquiries were instituted, and it was discovered that the child had been stolen from a house in Chinese territory. The house had been burglariously entered and the other man was detained by the Chinese authorities to answer for the burglary.

The defendant was then brought here and charged with being concerned in detaining the child.

The Attorney General withdrew the

prosecution on the second count as there was no evidence to show that he had attempted to sell the child.

The Jury retired and returned into Court saying that they could not agree, but they had found the prisoner guilty by six to one.

His Lordship said he could not accept that verdict and asked them to retire again.

They did so, and after a short absence returned into court, the foreman saying that they were still unable to agree, they were now 5 to 2. His Lordship remarked that they had been too short a time absent, they ought to be away 24 hours.

He then reviewed the evidence again, very carefully, and the Jury once more retired, and after a few moments absence returned into court with a verdict as follows: “We are of opinion that the prisoner was guilty of assisting in the abduction of the child.”

His Lordship said that he could not accept that verdict, he must either have a verdict of guilty or not guilty. The Jury would have to retire again, and as soon as they were agreed His Lordship could be called.

The Jury after half-an-hour's absence returned into Court, and returned a unanimous verdict of guilty. Sentence was reserved.

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SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLE;

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S.S. YANGTSE, Commandant NOMEDEU, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.

on the 21st February, 1879. (Parcels are

not to be sent on board; they must be left

at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

agent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr. G. DE CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 6, 1879.

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NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASOON & Co.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

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TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY. THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-HOUSES, OFFICES and GODOWNS,

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FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession

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HOUSE NO. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

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A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the Dwelling to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

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FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wan-chai, MARINE LOT 65.

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A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wan-chai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

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Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

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TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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Apply to WO HANG,

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Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

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POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Agents:

THE Undersigned, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premiums.

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A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-

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C. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 9, 1879.

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INSURANCES.

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have This Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCES on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

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Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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